

long time away from ports, bean sprouts from **adsuki**, **mung**, and small **soybeans**, together with seedlings of **cress**, **mustard**, and **amaranth** are about the only fresh vegetables that can be raised. A dark, moist and warm place, like the inside of a cupboard, box, large jar, tin, etc., kept near a source of continuous gentle heat is necessary." (Meyer.)

*Pisum sativum* (Fabaceae), 45303. **Pea**. From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for this Department. "(No. 2436a. Ichang, Hupeh, China, March 24, 1917.) A medium-sized, pale yellow variety of pea, grown as a winter crop throughout the Yangtze Valley on rice lands which have been drained for the winter months. Sown in October and harvested in April. The peas are eaten either boiled with the pods when very tender, or shelled when old. When dry they are consumed in stews and soups, and baked into cakes. In the winter they are also eaten sprouted, after having been scalded. A fresh gelatine is also made from them, much eaten during the hot summer months, with sauce and pickles, as a 'pick me up' between meals. Chinese name **Wan tou** (**Wan doh**). To be tested as a winter crop in the southern sections of the Gulf States and in California." (Meyer.)

*Pittosporum hosmeri longifolium* (Pittosporaceae), 45244. From Honolulu, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. Joseph F. Rock, Botanist, College of Hawaii. The variety differs from the species in that the leaves are very much longer, and the capsules are smaller. The tree is quite common at Kapua, South Kona, Hawaii, on the lava flows, and occurs also at Kilauea, and Hualalai, but does not reach such a height and size as at Puu-waawaa. The trees of the latter locality are loaded with fruit during June and July, while those of Kapua bear mature fruit during the month of February. However, the fruiting season of these, like nearly all the other Hawaiian trees, can not be relied upon. The fruits of *P. hosmeri* and variety are a source of food for the native crow which pecks open the large woody capsules and feeds on the oily seeds within. (Adapted from Rock, Indigenous Trees of the Hawaiian Islands, p. 161.)

*Rubus bogotensis* (Rosaceae), 45365. **Blackberry**. From Manizales, Colombia. Presented by Mr. M. T. Dawe. "*El Moral de Castilla*. This berry, which appears to grow